



CSLA *Southern Region*

California School Library Association Southern Region

School Library Paraprofessional Scholarship

The CSLA Southern Region recognizes the need for trained and qualified library paraprofessionals in Southern California, and has established an educational **scholarship in the amount of \$500** for library paraprofessionals. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist school library paraprofessionals in completing a school library technician/paraprofessional certificate program **or** in obtaining a teaching credential with the ultimate goal of pursuing a Teacher Librarian Credential.

To apply:

- 1) The applicant must be working in a classified position in the school library field, either in a school, district, or County Office of Education.
- 2) The applicant must be enrolled in a two-year paraprofessional program with the goal of becoming a qualified library technician or in a teacher credential program with the ultimate goal of pursuing a Teacher Librarian Credential. Evidence of enrollment must be provided (transcript, current semester grade report, letter of admission, letter from program director, or copy of school registration).
- 3) The applicant must be a resident of the area served by the CSLA Southern Region. Please refer to the following link for a map of CSLA Regions:
<http://csla.net/regional-map>
- 4) The applicant must be a member of the California School Library Association or become a member upon receipt of the scholarship.
- 5) The recipient commits, if selected, to participating as an active CSLA volunteer as a member of at least one committee.
- 6) The applicant must provide two letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation must be from a CSLA Southern Region member, and one must be from a professor of the school in which the applicant is enrolled.
- 7) **The deadline for applications and letters of recommendation is Friday, September 19th, 2014, and should be mailed directly to:**

Sharlene Paxton, *Southern Region President-Elect*

308 Dewalt Ave. ♦ Ridgecrest ♦ CA ♦ 93555

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sharlenerpaxton@gmail.com



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APPLICATION FORM

Please type or word-process this form:

Home Address:

Home Phone: e-Mail:

School Name: _____

School Address:

Work Phone: _____ FAX _____

e-Mail:

Education Institution Currently Enrolled:

Program and expected completion date:

Courses complete and in progress with dates:

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ON AN ATTACHED SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR ANSWERS TO TWO PAGES.

Please briefly describe your current job duties:

Describe your career goals:

How will this scholarship benefit you in reaching your career goals?

Please check that you have fulfilled all of the requirements:

- ☐ I have requested two letters of recommendation, as described above, to be sent to the Southern Region President-Elect by Friday, September 19th, 2014.
- ☐ I reside in the area served by the CSLA Southern Region.
- ☐ I have enclosed proof of current enrollment (transcript, current semester grade report, letter of admission, letter from program director, or copy of school registration).
- ☐ I am a current member of CSLA or agree to join CSLA upon receipt of the scholarship.
- ☐ I will make arrangements to attend the CSLA Southern Region Fall Workshop, **October 18th, 2014**, at the Doubletree Hotel in Bakersfield, if I am selected as a scholarship recipient.



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Letter of Recommendation Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: _____

Please assist the California School Library Association-Southern Region by preparing a letter of recommendation for the above-named person who has applied for a scholarship from our organization. This scholarship is intended to assist a school library paraprofessional who is enrolled in a 2-year paraprofessional program, working towards the goal of becoming a school library technician **or** in obtaining a teaching credential with the ultimate goal of pursuing a Teacher Librarian Credential. Suggested topics for your recommendation are: length of acquaintance, work done under your direction, general and special abilities, spirit of cooperation and collaboration, and qualities of leadership. Please discuss any other topics that you feel are pertinent.

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The form should not be submitted with the scholarship application materials. **Please type or word-process your recommendation on school letterhead and attach this form.**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City : _____

Phone (Work): _____

Phone (Home): _____

E-Mail: _____

Signature: _____

RECOMMENDATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY Friday, September 19th, 2014